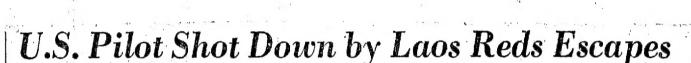
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United States Navy bilot who was shot down over aos's Plain of Jars by Communist gunfire in June has scaped safely to Thailand, the White House announced last

He is Navy Lt. Charles F. Klusman, 30, of San Diego, who was piloting a jet reconnaissance plane based on the J.S. carrier Kitty Hawk.

White House Press Secreary George Reedy told reporters Klusmann had been brought to Udorn, an Air Force base in Northeast Thaiand and "appears to be in elatively good health." State Department sources

taken by surprise, particularly land

since Klusmann made his esvery headquarters of the Communist-led Pathet Lao.

Khang Khay lies on the edge of the Plain to which from his crippled plane on June 6.

U.S. officials in Washington lacked details last night on Klusmann's actual means of escape. However, they presumed he had worked his way to rescue Klusmann from the tory in Laos and subsequently closed in on him.

said the United States was flown to the air base in Thai-

cape from Khang Khay, the down he was taking part in a He is Eugene DeBruin, a citricky U.S. air reconnaissance vilian pilot for Air America, been organized to get details company under contract to the on how far and in what directions the Pathet Lao were going in their sudden surge for ward.

The carrier Kitty Hawk with its reconnaissance planes had been rushed into the South China Sea off South Viet-Nam for the maneuver.

When helicopters attempted

At the White House, Reedy said one other U.S. pilot still When Klusmann was shot remains in Pathet Lao hands. mission over Laos which had which is described as a civilian Royal Lao government.

> said DeBruin presumably is being held in central Laos and Klusmann had no contact with

Klusmann's wife, Sara, received the Distinguished Flying Cross in his behalf at a behind the Pathet Lao-held clearing to which he had para-Pentagon ceremony here on lines and then been assisted chuted he waved them off just June 30. His last letter to his through non-Communist terri-before Pathet Lao troops wife from his mud hut prison; was dated July 2.